

Abstract Of The Disclosure

5           Apparatus and methods for treatment of stroke are  
provided. In a preferred embodiment, the present  
invention disposes at least one catheter having a distal  
occlusive member in either the common carotid artery  
(CCA) or both the vertebral artery (VA) and the CCA on  
10 the hemisphere of the cerebral occlusion. Blood flow in  
the opposing carotid and/or vertebral arteries may be  
inhibited. Retrograde or antegrade flow may be provided  
through either catheter independently to effectively  
control cerebral flow characteristics. Under such  
15 controlled flow conditions, a thrombectomy device may be  
used to treat the occlusion, and any emboli generated are  
directed into the catheter(s).